

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015  
444 WESTMINSTER ST., PROVIDENCE, RI 02903**

The Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) met in a regular meeting at the Office of the Agency, located at 444 Westminister St., Providence, RI on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 4:04PM.

Board members present at roll call: Chairman Jim DeRentis, Vice Chair Cliff Wood, Julius Kolawole, Councilman Bryan Principe, and Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris.

Absent at roll call: Yahaira Placencia and Jesse Kenner.

Others in attendance: Don Gralnek, Executive Director; Amber Ilcisko, Secretary; Dante Bellini, RDW Group; Jon Restivo, Darrow Everett; Sean Creegan, City of Providence Law Department; Bill Brody, Waterson Terminals/ProvPort; Chris Waterson, Waterson Terminals/ProvPort; Paul Grimaldi, Providence Journal; Rachel Horsman, PRA Intern;

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cliff Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 2015, and Julius Kolawole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Gralnek gave a brief explanation of the bills to be approved- items 4 is Flynn and port related, item 5 is a reduction, item 6 is for work on 514 Broadway, item 7 is for work on the oil spill at the Flynn School site, item 8 is for the demolition oversight, items 9 and 10 are grating, item 11 is for Umicore, item 12 is Mashpaug land use restriction, item 13 is for continued assistance, and item 14 is for services on 514 Broadway.

Cliff Wood made a motion to approve the bills, and Julius Kolawole seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Gralnek discussed the following agenda items:

Item 15-PRA properties in the media; no action was taken by the Board.

Item 16-status of preliminary thoughts regarding redevelopment of St. Joseph's Hospital and 49 Westfield Street; no action was taken by the Board.

Item 17- remarketing efforts regarding the Flynn School located at 220 Blackstone Street and the American Tourister site located at 70 Houghton Street; no action was taken by the Board.

Item 18- status of tax stabilizations agreements for South Street Station and ProvPort; no action was taken by the board.

Item 19- staffing changes; no action was taken by the board.

Item 20- announcement of Mr. Gralnek's new position as Executive Director of the Providence Economic Development Partnership; no action was taken by the board.

Item 21- status of Oasis, located at 600 Broad Street; no action was taken by the board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Gralnek presented the following items of new business:

Item 22-acceptance of donation of 69 Bucklin Street.

No action was taken on accepting the donation of 69 Bucklin Street.

Item 23- transfer by lease of Sea View Drive at Port of Providence to ProvPort pursuant to a lease. Chris Waterson presented.

Cliff Wood made a motion to approve the transfer by lease of Sea View Drive at Port of Providence to ProvPort pursuant to a lease; the motion was seconded by Bryan Principe. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Cliff Wood made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter executive session pursuant to RI Gen. Laws 42-46-5 (A)(1)(7) regarding staffing. The motion was seconded by Bryan Principe. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Roll Call Vote to enter Executive Session:**

James DeRentis- yes

Cliff Wood- yes

Yahaira Placencia- not present

Julius Kolawole- yes

Mary Kay Harris-yes

Bryan Principe- yes

Jesse Kenner-not present

The Providence Redevelopment Agency entered executive session at 4:41PM.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Cliff Wood made a motion to end Executive Session and return to Open Session at 5:07PM. Mary Kay Harris seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board members present at roll call: Chairman Jim DeRentis, Vice Chair Cliff Wood, Julius Kolawole, Councilman Bryan Principe, and Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris.

Board members absent at roll call: Yahaira Placencia and Jesse Kenner.

Mary Kay Harris made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Cliff Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gralnek reported the following actions that took place in Executive Session:

The board convened into Executive Session to talk about personnel matters and investment opportunities pursuant to RI Gen. Laws 42-46-5 (A)(1)(7), and firm discussion was held.

Cliff Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Julius Kolawole. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08PM.